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SUBJECT: US-MEXICO QUADRIpartite COMMISSION

REF: STATE 142426, MEXICO A-69 OF MAY 4.

1. SENATOR JAVITS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO CONTAINED IN REFTel. THE LETTER REQUESTED THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO RECEIVE THE TWO U.S. CO-CHAIRMEN, RALPH PFEIFFER OF IBM AND EDGAR MOLINA OF FORD IN ORDER FOR THEM TO PRESENT A REPORT ON THE COMMISSION'S PROGRESS AND PLANNING. THE LETTER SUGGESTED THE DATES OF JULY 15, 20, AND 21, BUT INDICATED THAT THE US CO-CHAIRMEN WOULD BE WILLING TO GO TO MEXICO AT ANY TIME AGREEABLE TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE HAS INDICATED IDEAL CANDIDATE
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FOR U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMISSION HAS BEEN FOUND, BUT BEFORE ENGAGING HIM SENATOR IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE LACK OF INTEREST BY THE MEXICANS IN FUTURE OF THE COMMISSION. JAVITS' OFFICE RECOGNIZES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM MAY BE ABSORBING MOST OF THE MEXICANS' ATTENTION DIRECTED TO BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH

THE UNITED STATES, BUT HE IS CONCERNED THAT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ACTION BY GOM THE ENTHUSIASM OF U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMISSION MAY WANE.

3. AMBASSADOR, OR IN HIS ABSENCE, CHARGE, IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO APPROACH FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL TO EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT LACK OF REPLY TO JAVITS' LETTER DOES NOT INDICATE LACK OF MEXICAN INTEREST IN QUADRIpartite COMMISSION AND TO SOUND HIM OUT AS TO EXTENT OF REAL GOM ENTHUSIASM FOR THE COMMISSION AND WHAT GOM BELIEVES MIGHT BE DONE TO SPEED UP ITS FORWARD MOVEMENT. YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE POINT THAT US BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN EAGER TO DEVELOP COMMISSION AS EFFECTIVE CHANNEL TO MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS AND TO GOM BUT THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN THIS COMMITMENT IN ABSENCE OF GREATER SIGNS OF MEXICAN INTEREST. IF ROEL CONFIRMS THAT MEXICANS REMAIN INTERESTED IN PUSHING AHEAD WITH WORK OF COMMISSION, YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE HIM TO DISPLAY THIS INTEREST WITH PROMPT REPLY TO SENATOR JAVITS' LETTER. PLEASE REPORT ROEL'S REACTION AND YOUR ASSESSMENT OF IT URGENTLY. VANCE

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